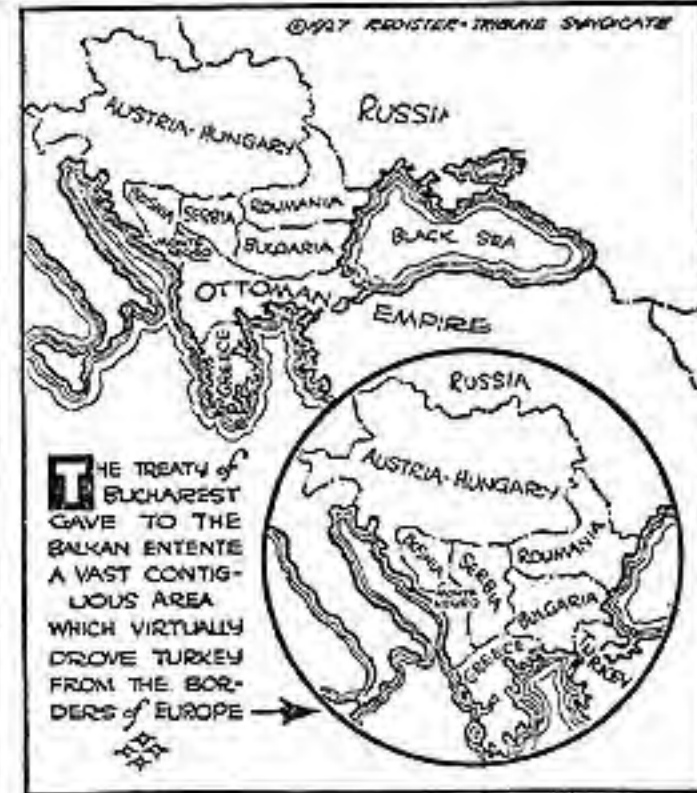


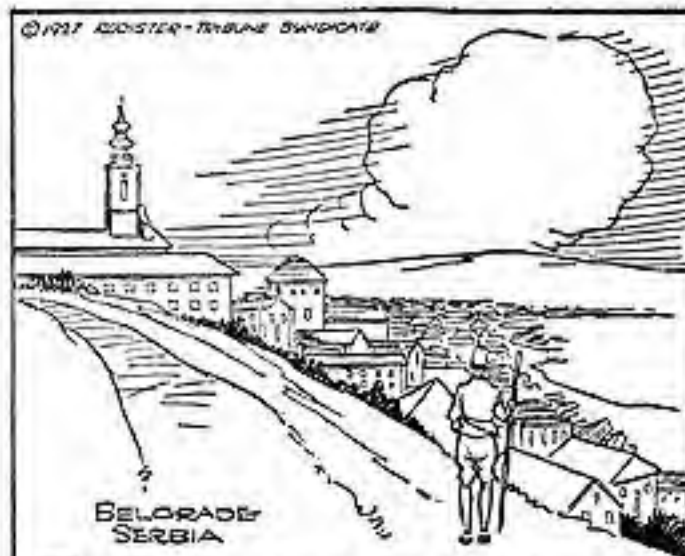


CENTURY OLD ANTAGONISMS BETWEEN SLAV AND TEUTON WERE AROUSED ANEW BY SLIGHT PRETEXT ON THE HEELS OF TWO BALKAN WARS WHICH RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF MUCH TERRITORY IN EUROPE TO THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.





THE COMPLEX OF NATIONALITIES AND THE FERMENT OF RACES IN THE BALKAN STATES ENGENDERED INDIVIDUAL AND NATIONAL ANIMOSITIES, NOT ONLY AMONG THEMSELVES, BUT THROUGHOUT ALL EUROPE, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.



THE BALKAN STATES, ADOPTED CHILDREN OF EUROPEAN POWERS, WERE CONSTANTLY IN THE MIDST OF COMPLICATIONS THAT LED TO OUTBREAKS. THIS GROUP CONSTITUTED A POWDER MAGAZINE THAT WAS A CONSTANT MENACE.



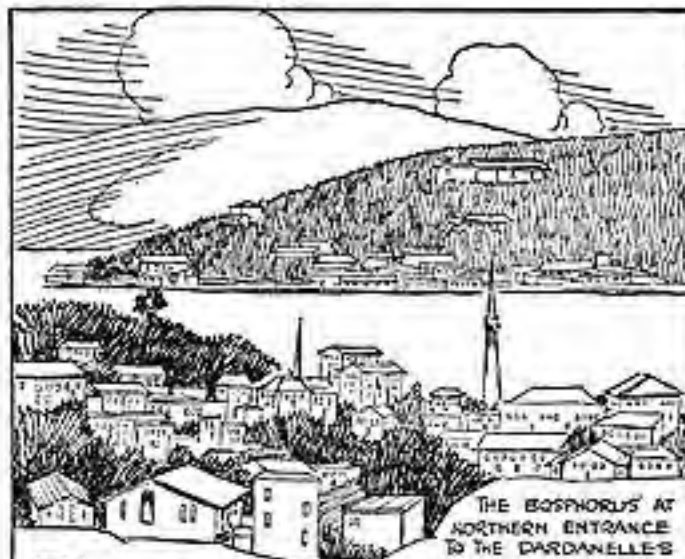
EUROPEAN ALLIANCES DIVIDED SYMPATHY FOR THE BALKANS. GERMANY WAS IN ALLIANCE WITH THE DUAL MONARCHY AND ITALY. FRANCE WAS RUSSIA'S ALLY AND RUSSIA WAS FRIENDLY TO HER OWN RACIAL KIN IN THE BALKANS.



GREAT BRITAIN SUPPORTED RUSSIA AND FRANCE, WHILE TURKEY WAS THE NATURAL FOE OF HER BALKAN NEIGHBORS. THE GREAT SLAVONIC GROUPS, ENEMIES OF THE TEUTONIC, WERE LIVING UNDER THE RULE OF MANY CROWNS.



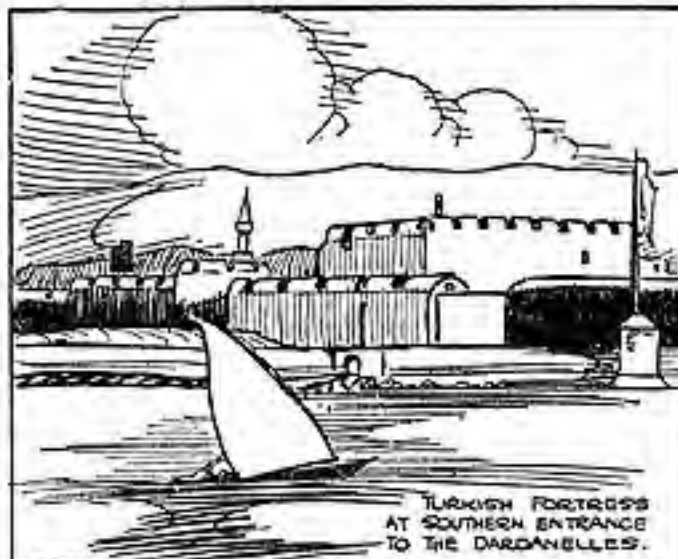
SINCE THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY THERE HAD BEEN A CONTINUING AGITATION IN EACH BALKAN GROUP TO SET UP ITS OWN STATE. BECAUSE OF THE MIXED PEOPLES THERE WAS MUCH CONFUSION BORN OF RACIAL PROBLEMS.



THE BOSPHORUS AT NORTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE DARDANELLES

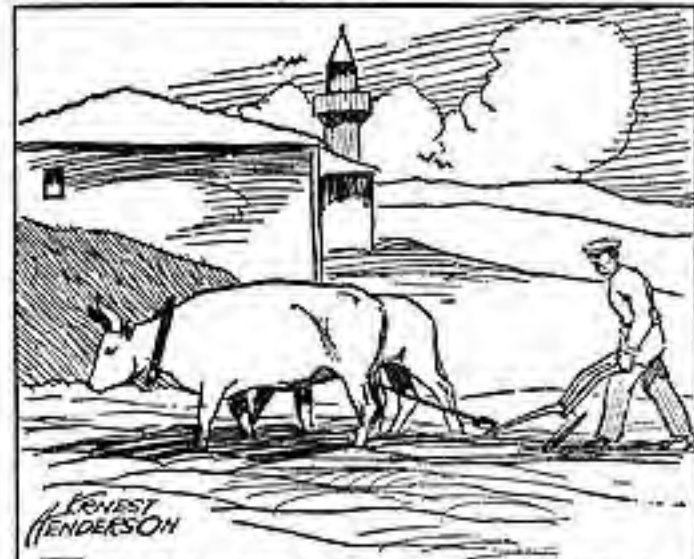
ENMITIES OF RACE HAD CENTERED IN THE BROAD REGIONS ABOUT THE BOSPHORUS WITH TURKEY AS AN ENEMY OF THE BALKAN STATES ON THE EAST AND THE GREAT TEUTONIC GROUP ON THE NORTH AND WEST.

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TURKISH FORTRESS AT SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE DARDANELLES

THE SMALLER STATES, OR THE MINORITY, IN THE BALKANS WERE NEVER ASSURED ABSOLUTE EQUALITY. COMBINATIONS AND ALLIANCES OFTEN ADDED CONFUSION, AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE OPPRESSED WAS SELDOM EFFECTED.



ERNEST HENDERSON

THE PEASANT LEADING HIS SIMPLE LIFE, HARDLY DREAMED THAT THE LITTLE CLOUD RISING IN HIS MIDST IN 1914 WOULD ONCE AGAIN ENVELOP THE PENINSULA AND NINE-TENTHS OF THE GLOBE'S POPULATION AS WELL.